

thinking ahead

annual 4-H project plan



Project Citizenship Year 2012

What I want to do and learn in this project (goals)

History: I want to learn a little more about the Civil War. Last year I visited the Carter House in Franklin and the Carnnton Mansion. I would like to read the *Widow of the South* which centers around the Battle of Franklin and those two houses. My family really likes to visit Civil War sites so I think I have a natural interest.

Government: I would like to spend more time learning about the Constitution and how a bill is passed. I also would like to learn more about our State Government. With the new president it is a very interesting time to be following the government and politics.

Genealogy: I want to spend more time this year researching my family history. We attend a lot of Memorial Day decorations back in the towns in middle Tennessee where my family is from. My grandfather tries to explain this family member and that family member to me. I am just getting to the point that it is making sense to me.

Service: I want to continue to raise money for Cancer research and cancer patients. My grandmother died of cancer in 2003 and my mother works for the American Cancer Society so it is a pretty natural fit for me. I also want to do something to help East Tennessee people who are suffering from hunger.

How I plan to reach my goals

History: My family really likes to visit historical places. My father is really good at finding these little known places that are really pretty interesting. My sister has *Widow of the South* so I will try to borrow it and read it myself. I will also use our great local library in Blount County to check out books as well as movies and DVD's.

Government: I will try to find some information on the Constitution that explains it in a way I can understand. I will also research this some on the internet. I will also look for materials on our State Government as well.

Genealogy: My grandfather who lives with us continues to be my best resource in this area. I will continue to listen as long as he wants to talk and work with him to find out more about our family.

Service: I have participated in Relay for Life for the last several years so I plan on doing that again. I also will look to find a service project either at church, school or 4-H that deals with hunger in East Tennessee.

Resources I can use (money, supplies, equipment, help from others, reference material, etc.)

My parents will continue to be my biggest help and inspiration. They will help me get from place to place and will help me with any purchases I need to make.. They not only provide financial resources but also are a wealth of knowledge when it comes to many things. My older sister shares many of the same interests as I do and can shed a lot of light and advice when it comes to this project. My grandfather lives with us and I get to see him each and every day. He is a wealth of information about our family and also takes time to transport me places like our local library. The Library is also a great resource that is available to me. I enjoy reading and our library in Maryville is a very good resource. They not only have a lot of books but a great movie and DVD Section as well. I also have a great church with a heart for service and I'm sure I will get support there as I look into service projects to aid the hungry.

Signed _____ 4-H Member Signed _____ Parent/Guardian

Date _____

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looking back

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What I learned (knowledge and skills)

History: I did read *Killer Angels* during the summer . I was good and I learned a lot about the different ways people viewed the Civil War. I did not see *Red Badge of Courage* but did see a movie called *Cold Mountain* which really delved into the Civil war on the homefront and the hardships that civilians faced.

Government: I paid very close attention to both the midterm US and State Elections and our Tennessee governor's race I learned that really the economy is probably the most important issues to most voters. After the economy most people vote for someone who has the same moral beliefs that they have.

Genealogy: I learned that I can be a member of both the daughters of the Confederacy and Daughters of the Grand Army of the Republic since I have ancestors who fought on both sides of the civil war.

Service: As last year I learned that even when times are hard people will give to a good charity. We raised about \$5000 with our Relay for life team. I also learned that the Ronald McDonald House operates on 100% donations. They are thankful for just about everything. I had a couple of chances to send time with elderly folks this year, I learned that for the most part they just appreciate the company and someone to talk to.

I feel I met my goals (or did not meet my goals) because

I think I met most of my goals. I feel I learned a lot in every category even though many times it wasn't exactly what I thought it would be. Just to develop a better appreciation of those categories listed in the above paragraph is a start in the right direction. I think more than anything I am really beginning to feel a burden to help people whether it be cancer patients or homeless or the hungry. I learned this past year that 1 in 6 Tennesseans goes to bed hungry each night. I bet that some of those people I know or I see and just don't realize that they do not have enough to eat. It certainly makes you think and helps make service real when you reflect on it.

Resources I used (money, supplies, equipment, help from others, reference material, etc.)

Mom and Dad and my grandfather were are always there to help me. They took me places and the knowledge of my grandfather is very important. The internet is also a valuable tool which can be used for research and also to e-mail and contact people to learn more about family trees.

Other things I would like to do (future goals)

I really want to continue to travel and visit as many historical places as possible. I would like to visit a few more Presidential homes and some presidential libraries as well. I would really love to be able to have the chance to visit all of the major Civil War Battlefields. I have been to Gettysburg two times but would love to return there now that I have learned more about the battle and the men who fought there. I would also like to visit Andersonville again and look for my two uncle's graves who died there. I would also like to go to Scotland just to see the land of my ancestors. I would love for my grandfather to go on this trip!

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